

## Recommendations

That the Public Transport Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Western Bay Public Transport Blueprint bus network approval.

## Living Wage

- 2 Provides direction on requiring bus contractors to pay their drivers the 'Living Wage' as part of the new western Bay of Plenty bus contracts.

## Electric Buses

- 3 Provides direction on deploying hybrid or electric buses as part of the new western Bay of Plenty bus contracts.

## Western Bay Services

- 4 Endorses the Western Bay of Plenty District bus network as described in Part 5 of this report as the preferred network, with an estimated gross operating cost estimate of \$560,000 per annum and an estimated funding gap to Council of \$112,000 per annum for the 2018/19 financial year.
- 5 Endorses the following variation to the Western Bay of Plenty District bus network as described in this report for implementation in Year 4 of the 2018 - 2028 Long Term Plan:
  - a. Saturday services for Katikati, Ōmokoroa, and Te Puke in at an estimated operating cost of \$200,000 per annum.

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## Tauranga Urban Services

- 7 Endorses the Tauranga urban service Option 3A as described in this report as the preferred network from the start of the new contracts in 2018/19, including:
  - a. Minor route change to the Crosstown Connector at no additional cost;
  - b. Retain existing service frequencies on Route 59 of 60minutes with an estimated operating cost reduction of \$455,000 per annum
  - c. Truncate City Loop service at Tauranga Hospital with an estimated operating cost reduction of \$200,000 per annum
  - d. Implement Gold Line service at an estimated operating cost of \$180,000 per annum;
  - e. Increased weekend frequencies on urban service to every 30min at an estimated operating cost of \$920,000 per annum; and
  - f. Extend operating hours on all urban service to 8:00 pm weekdays and weekends in at an estimated operating cost of \$430,000 per annum.
- 8 Notes that this service level has a total gross operating cost estimate of \$ 13.2 million per annum and an estimated funding gap for Council of \$1.5 million in the 2018/19 financial year.
- 9 Endorses the following variation to the Tauranga urban services as described in this report for implementation in Year 4 of the 2018 - 2028 Long Term Plan:

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- a. Extend operating hours to 9:00 pm weekdays (some routes) at an estimated operating cost of \$270,000 per annum.
  - b. Extend operating hours to 11:00 pm on Friday and Saturday at an estimated operating cost of \$160,000 per annum
  - c. Extension of the City Loop service to Greerton at an estimated operating cost of \$200,000 per annum.
- 10 Notes that staff will work with residents of Ballintoy Park Drive to find a public transport solution that meets the community's requirements.

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### School Bus Services

- 12 Endorses the proposals in Part 7 of this report subject to ongoing discussions with schools and notes once they have a total gross operating cost estimate of \$1.1 million dollars per annum and an estimated cost to Council of \$255,000 per annum for the 2019/20 financial year onwards.
- 13 Notes that if the Schoolhopper contracts are extended to December 2018, the total gross operating cost estimate for the 2018/19 financial year is about \$2.0 million dollars and an estimated cost to Council of about \$630,000.
- 14 Notes that the following schools have agreed to support the implementation of the proposed school bus networks:
- Mount Maunganui College;
  - Mount Maunganui Intermediate;
  - Tauranga Intermediate;
  - Otumoetai College;
  - Otumoetai Intermediate;
  - Tauranga Boys College; and
  - Tauranga Girls College.
- 15 Notes that officers will continue to work with the following schools and parents to find suitable school proposals:
- Aquinas College;
  - Bethlehem College;
  - Saint Marys;
  - Saint Thomas More;
  - Pāpāmoa College;
  - Pāpāmoa Primary; and
  - Maungatapu School.
- 16 Notes that staff will continue to work with the Ministry of Education and schools to establish the best funding mechanism for students now eligible for assistance from the Ministry as a result of changes to the public bus network.
- 17 Notes that the traffic impacts resulting from changes in the school service are likely to be minor across the network.

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That the Public Transport Committee recommend that the Regional Council:

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- 1 Agrees that consultation through the 2018 - 2028 Long Term Plan process will address issues relating to the funding of passenger transport services across the region including the outcomes of the Regional Fare Review.
- 2 Agrees that further consultation on the Tauranga Urban, school services, and Western Bay District services will not be required through the 2018 - 28 Long Term Plan process.
- 3 Agrees to fund the Western Bay of Plenty District bus network as described in Part 5 of this report as the preferred network. The estimated gross operating cost estimate for 2018/19 is \$560,000 per annum and the estimated funding gap to Council is \$122,000 per annum.
- 4 Agrees to fund the Tauranga urban service as described in section 8.4 of this report as the preferred network. The estimated gross operating cost estimate for 2018/19 is \$13.2 million per annum and the estimated funding gap for Council is \$1.5 million.
- 5 Agrees to fund Tauranga school buses as described in Part 7 of this report. The estimated gross operating cost for 2018/19 is about \$2.0 million dollars and the estimated cost to Council is \$630,000.
- 6 Agrees to fund a new Travel Safe bus programme for Year 7 and 8 students to encourage independent bus travel at an unbudgeted cost to Council of \$100,000 per annum for Years 1 through 3 of the 2018 - 2028 Long Term Plan.
- 7 Agrees to fund a trial crossing guard programme for schools to improve safety of school students and encourage independent travel at an unbudgeted cost to Council of \$30,000 in Year 1 of the 2018 - 2028 Long Term Plan.